County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No.

Resolution No. 121 -2011

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that portions of a Water and Utility Easement and a Sewer and Utility easement, collectively comprising approximately 0.6669 acres, are no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the adjacent property owner, Trinity Homes at Cypress Springs, LLC; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to abandon the easements if he finds that the easements may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

WHEREAS, the County acquired a Water and Utility Easement, comprising approximately 0.9664 acres, by that certain Deed dated April 14, 1994 conveyed to the County by Myrtle M. Young and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 3240, folio 481 and by that certain Deed dated June 6, 1994 conveyed to the County by Marjorie C. Irby and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 3280, folio 391, (collectively the "Water and Utility Easement"), as shown on the attached Exhibit A, sheets 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, the County acquired a Sewer and Utility Easement, comprising approximately 0.5471 acres, by that certain Deed dated June 5, 1995 conveyed to the County by Marjorie C. Irby and recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 3503, folio 578 (the "Sewer and Utility Easement"), as shown on the attached Exhibit A, sheets 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Homes at Cypress Springs, LLC (the "Developer") has presented a subdivision plat titled "Cypress Springs-Phase I, Lots 1-13, Open Space Lots 14-17, and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels A-D" to the Department of Planning and Zoning for the development of the underlying property; and

WHEREAS, as part of the development, the Developer proposes to relocate a portion of the the Water and Utility Easement, comprising approximately 0.3029 acres, and a portion of the Sewer and Utility Easement, comprising approximately 0.3640 acres (collectively, the "Easements"), as shown in the attached Exhibit A, sheets 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.201 "Disposition of real property" of the Howard County Code authorizes the County Council to declare that property is no longer needed for public purposes and authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual conveyance of an easement interest upon the request of the County Executive and after a public hearing that has been duly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to 1 waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the abandonment of the 2 3 Easements and their conveyance to the Developer. 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, 5 Maryland, this 25th day of July, 2011, that the Easements, as shown on the 6 attached Exhibit A, sheets 1 and 2, are no longer needed by the County for public purposes. 7 8 9 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, having received a request from the County 10 Executive and having held a public hearing that was duly advertised, the County Council 11 declares that the best interest of the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County 12 13 Code for the abandonment of the Easements and their conveyance to the Developer. 14 15 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the County Executive finds that any or all 16 of the Easements may have a further public use and that the any or all of the Easements should 17 not be abandoned and conveyed; he may submit his findings and recommendations to the County Council for its consideration without being bound to abandon and convey any or all of the 18 19 Easements in accordance with this Resolution.

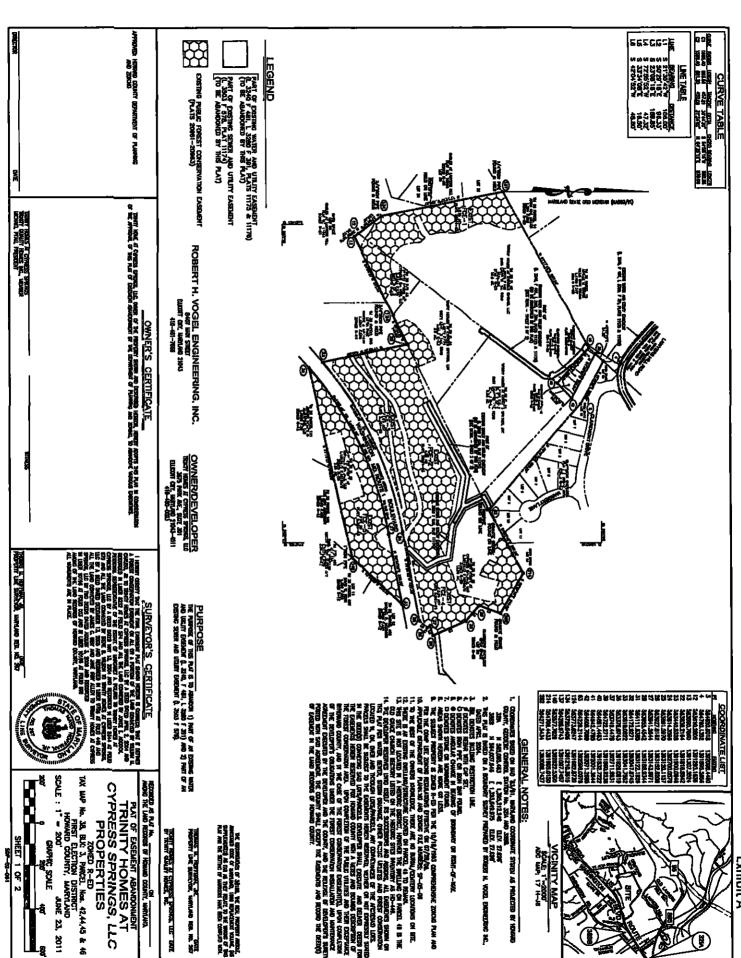
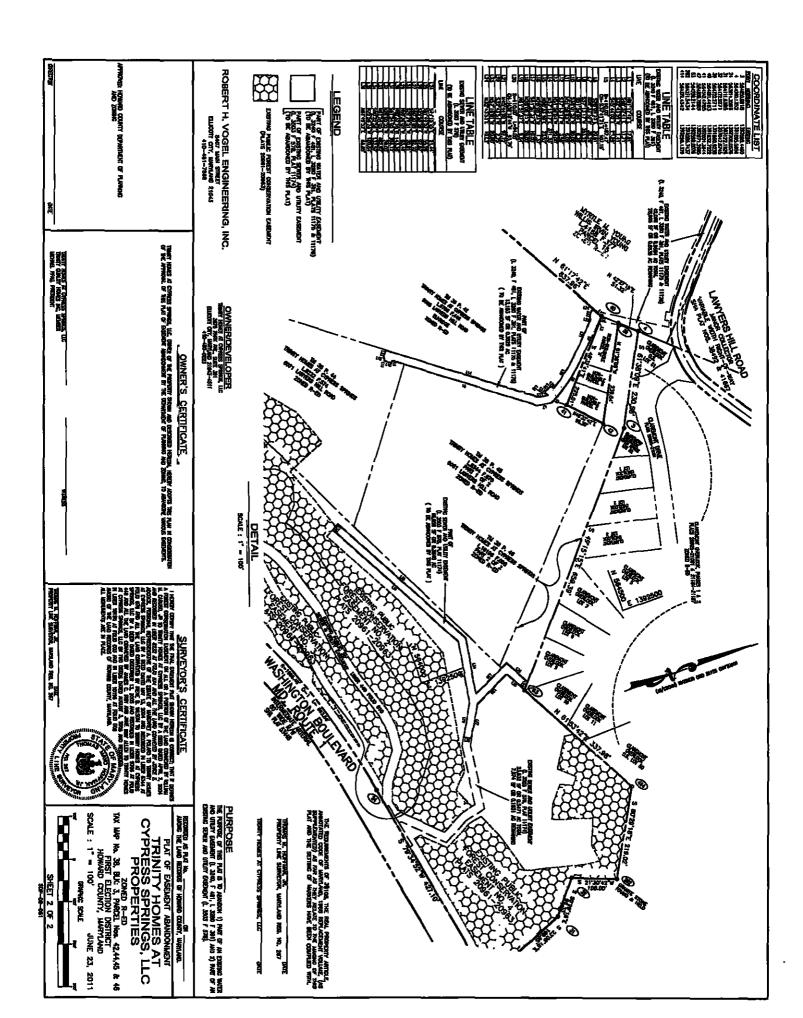


Exhibit A





Subject:

Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement

Council Resolution No. ______ - 2011 declaring that portions of a Sewer and Utility Easement and portions of a Water and Utility Easement, collectively comprising approximately 0.6669 acres, are no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the adjacent property owner, Trinity Homes at Cypress Springs, LLC; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to abandon the easements if he finds that the easements may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

To:

Lonnie R. Robbins

Chief Administrative Officer

From:

James M. Irvin, Director

Department of Public Works

Date:

June 23, 2011

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for the preparation of testimony relative to the termination of portions of a Sewer and Utility Easement and portions of a Water and Utility Easement (the "Easements") located on the property owned by Trinity Homes at Cypress Springs, LLC ("Trinity Homes").

Trinity Homes acquired property shown on Tax Map 38, as Parcels 42, 44, 45, and 46 and have submitted a subdivision to the County titled "Cypress Springs-Phase I, Lots 1-13, Open Space Lots 14-17, and Non-Buildable Bulk Parcels A-D" (DPZ File No. F-10-028). Trinity Homes plans for the subdivision requires the relocation of portions of the Easements. The Easements were acquired by the County by Deed of Easement from Marjorie C. Irby dated June 5, 1995 recorded among the Land Records of Howard County, Maryland in Liber 3503, folio 578, Deed of Easement from Myrtle M. Young dated April 14, 1994 recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber 3240, folio 481, and Deed of Easement from Marjorie C. Irby dated June 6, 1994 and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber 3280, folio 391.

Trinity Homes has requested that a portion of the Easements be terminated in order to facilitate the development of the properties as shown on its plans. The portion of the easements being terminated is shown on a plat titled "Plat of Easement Abandonment Trinity Homes At Cypress Springs, LLC Properties".

The Departments of Planning and Zoning and Public Works have reviewed the plans and determined that portions of the Easements to be terminated are no longer required for public purposes.

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Trinity Homes will bear all costs associated with the proper removal of the existing water and sewer mains and installation of the new facilities; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the County.

Attached is a Resolution requesting approval for the conveyance of the terminated easements to Trinity Homes at Cypress Springs, LLC.

If you require further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

cc: Jennifer Sager

Marsha McLaughlin

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